

RACE ENDS: A 35-mile chase involving speeds of up to 100 miles an hour across the Indiana-Michigan border ends with arrest of Mara Myard, 20, Ada, (in blanket) and Thomas Perne, 18, Grand Rapids. The two were arrested on charges of being disorder-

ly persons. Perne was also held on a charge of reckless driving. Officers said both were nude when taken into custody. An order to dress before leaving the car was ignored, they said. Blankets were provided by officers. (Photos by Don Wehner)

Push For Accord

Rail Strike Slated Tonight

By NEIL GILBRIDE
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration pressed today for an 11th hour wage settlement to avert a scheduled nationwide strike of some 500,000 railroad workers one minute after midnight tonight.

"We could have a strike," said Assistant Secretary of Labor W. J. Usery of the dispute between the nation's rail industry and four AFL-CIO unions. "But they've each said they could postpone it if there is some meaningful progress." Usery said of the union negotiators.

He declined to say whether President Nixon would invoke his power under federal labor law to delay any strike for 60 days.

NO PROGRESS
Usery conceded there was no progress in four hours of government sponsored talks Tuesday, but added "that meeting was very worthwhile. I think it cleared the air."

He called both sides back into negotiations today. But Harold Crotty, president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, said after Tuesday's fruitless talks "We're further apart than when we started."

Retorted chief industry negotiator John P. Hiltz: "No, we couldn't be."

CALLED TOO HIGH
Hiltz said the unions' demands for three-year wage hikes of 40 per cent or more would bankrupt the industry. The workers now average about \$3.50 per hour.

"I'd be putting my name to the liquidation of the railroad industry" by signing such wage agreements, Hiltz snapped.

He declined to say whether the railroads had made a counter offer, but union officials said there had been no industry wage offer.

In addition to Crotty's approximately 100,000 rail maintenance workers, the talks involve approximately 200,000 workers each in the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks headed by C. L. Dennis and the United Transportation Union headed by Charles Luna, and another 2,000 dining car workers represented by Vice President Richard Smith of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees.

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JAILBOUND: Couple arrested Tuesday afternoon near Lakeside on Red Arrow highway, seven miles north of New Buffalo, lie in grass and await transportation to Berrien county jail, St. Joseph. The couple's car was object of chase by Indiana and Michigan authorities which led through Michigan City and New Buffalo. Chase began after Indiana state trooper found nude couple sleeping in parked car along US 20 south of Michigan City about 4:30 p.m.

Whirlpool

Top U.S. Man Reopens Talks

A high federal mediation official has called a meeting today between negotiators for Whirlpool's St. Joseph division and IAM Local 1918, according to Ed Kepp union business agent. Kepp identified the mediator as David Tanzman, assistant to the Federal Mediation Service Director in Washington. The session was slated for 5 p.m. at Hilton Inn (soon to be called Ramada Inn).

A Whirlpool spokesman said the company also had received notice of the meeting. A strike at the division has idled some 1,800 workers since May 11. The last negotiating session was Aug. 21 between the division and International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Says Signature Is A Forgery

L. J. Stock II, trustee of the M. W. Stock Trust, said today his signature on pledges for a fund for Benton Harbor parking development is a forgery.

The Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce last week filed suit in Berrien circuit court to collect pledges to the chamber's Benton Harbor Future Fund that built downtown parking.

\$5,000 CLAIMED

The chamber claims \$5,000 against the M. W. Stock Trust for an allegedly unpaid pledge of \$1,000 annually from 1964 to 1968.

Stock said the pledge card, which was signed M. W. Stock Trust by James Stock, "is a complete and utter forgery."

Stock continued: "It is not my signature, not even close to my signature and it is not my legal

name which I use." Stock said: "People know me by that name, but I never have signed anything in a legal matter, outside of a personal letter, as James Stock. And it isn't even close. It's not a very good one (signature)."

"I'm going to answer their suit to that effect, that I think it's a heck of a thing to sue somebody based on a forgery — that's my statement."

Stock said there is no question the signature is not his. "They won't need a handwriting expert to determine that the signature is not mine," he said, "I know I never signed one (a pledge card)."

Stock said Atty. John L. Glohensky handles the legal affairs of the M. W. Stock trust and will represent him in the suit.

GUERRILLAS GRAB ANOTHER AIRLINER WITH 76 ABOARD

Eaman-BH Verdict Not Imminent

State Decision Could Come On Sept. 23

LANSING — A State Board of Education decision on its reconsideration of the transfer of a major part of the former Eaman school district from Benton Harbor district to Coloma will not be made before Sept. 22-23, at the earliest.

Dr. John Porter, acting superintendent of the state education department, told the state board here last night that attorneys for both sides — Benton Harbor and Eaman residents jointly — have declined to waive a legally required 20-day waiting period. The statutory waiting period gives both sides 20 days to make objections to a hearing officer's report of the rehearing held here on Sept. 3.

Thus it will be at least Sept. 23 — the second day of the state board's next meeting — before the matter can be considered by the board.

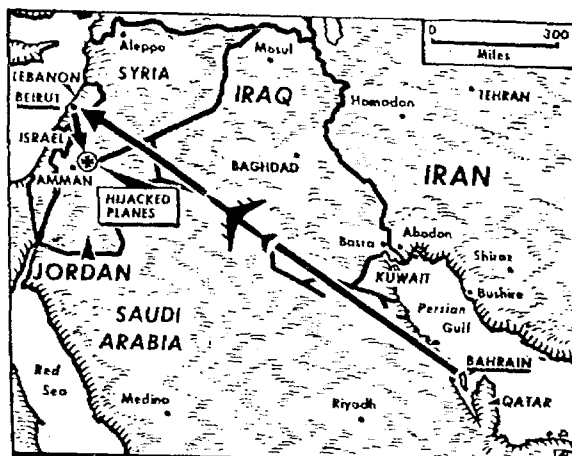
ADVICE SOUGHT

Porter indicated, however, advice would be sought from the attorney general's office to see if there was any other means to shorten the waiting period.

In dispute is the ownership of the Eaman school property in Hagar township and whether some 150 private properties in the former Eaman district are in the Coloma district or the Benton Harbor district. On August 25, the state board approved a rehearing on its June order transferring the Eaman area to Coloma school district. The stated purpose of the rehearing was to consider the ownership of the Eaman school buildings and site. No mention of the school property had been made in the original transfer order.

Under an attorney general's ruling, the rehearing on Sept. 3 was expanded to consider not only the ownership of the Eaman buildings, but the entire matter of transfer of the area. Meanwhile, snarling questions

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BRITISH PLANE HIJACKED: Map shows the route of a British Overseas Airways Corp. VC10 jet plane that was hijacked Wednesday shortly after departing from Bahrain, an island in the Persian Gulf. The plane landed at Beirut, Lebanon where it refueled and then took off again, apparently heading for the desert airfield held by Arab guerrillas near Amman, Jordan. This was the fifth hijacking since the weekend. Two jets, one belonging to TWA and the other to Swissair, are still being held at the desert strip, with part of the passengers being kept as hostages. (AP Wire-photo)

By Van Buren

Juvenile Unit Plan Rejected

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW—Van Buren county commissioners here Tuesday vetoed any immediate plans for the county to become involved in a three-county detention and rehabilitation home for juveniles.

The decisive 14-1 vote came in the late afternoon after the commissioners had heard opposing views earlier in the day on the value of the detention home.

It was not immediately clear today what the Van Buren vote will do to the proposed partnership with Cass and Berrien counties.

Also at stake is a \$100,000 federal planning grant made con-

tingent on the ability of the three counties to raise \$67,000 from local sources.

Van Buren's share was about \$14,000.

In opposition on the issue were Probate Judge Meyer Warshawsky and his subordinate, Thomas Stambaugh, a veteran worker in the county's juvenile court.

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May Join 2 Others In Desert

British Jet Is Seized At Bahrain

BULLETIN
CAIRO (AP) — Cairo airport's area control declared the airport closed today, to prevent a hijacked BOAC VC10 jetliner from landing there.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A British jetliner with 76 persons aboard was hijacked in the Middle East today. Palestinian guerrillas threatened to blow up the aircraft when it landed at Beirut airport unless it was provided with fuel to fly on to another destination.

FIFTH HIJACKING

The plane later left Beirut amid speculation it was headed for the Jordanian desert airstrip where two other captive planes were under guerrilla guard.

This was the fifth hijacking attack this week by Palestine guerrillas. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine assumed responsibility for today's incident, as it had for the others.

British Overseas Airways Corp. VC10 jetliner was hijacked and ordered to fly to Beirut shortly after it took off from Bahrain in the Persian Gulf. The airline said 66 passengers and 10 crew members were aboard.

Representatives of the International Red Cross were negotiating for the freeing of two other Western airliners and 178 hostages held by guerrillas on a desert airstrip in Jordan.

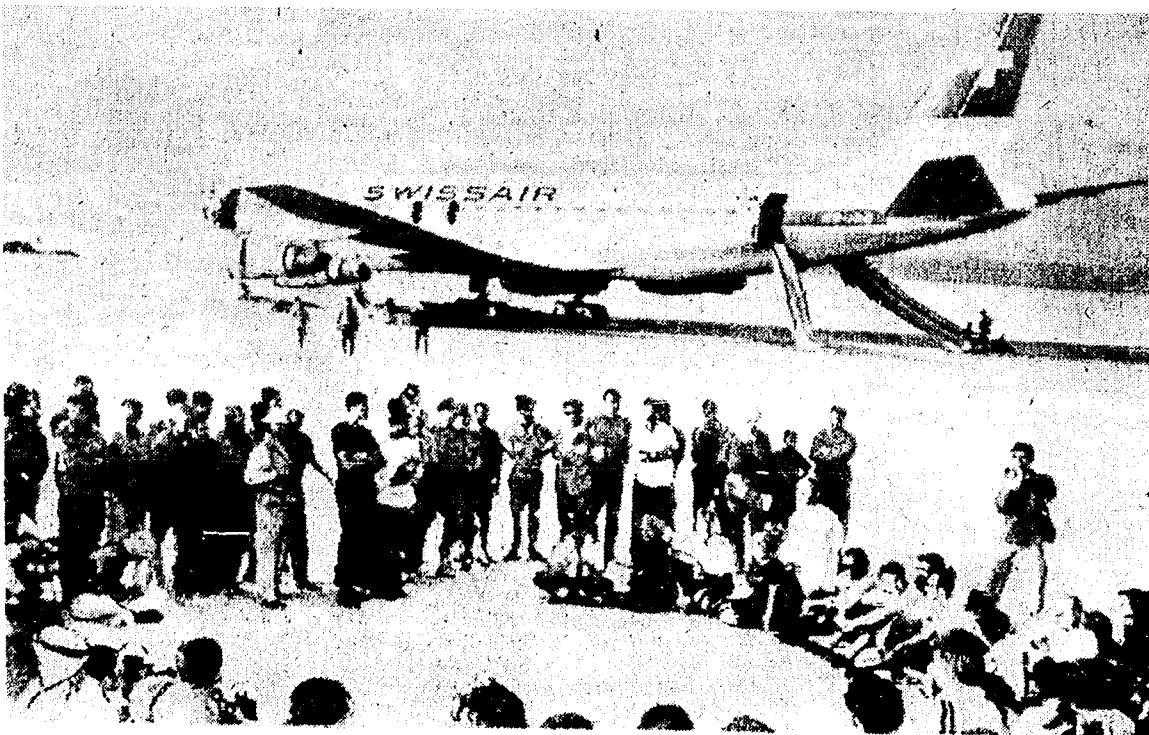
At the Pentagon, a spokesman said Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird was monitoring the situation very closely. Other than that, the spokesman said, "I can't comment."

Specifically, he refused to comment on whether the Pentagon was on whether the Pentagon

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Junior League registration Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Blossom Lanes. Adv.

Jan Marshke now at the Hair-benders formerly at Mirror's Magic Mirror. 629-1541. Adv.



DESERT NEWS CONFERENCE: Newsmen, lower left, interview from a distance 21 of 180 captive passengers and crew who were aboard the Swissair jetliner, background, and a TWA jetliner hijacked Sunday by members of the Popular Front for the

Liberation of Palestine. The Palestinians, standing, allowed the captives, seated right, Tuesday to tell of their treatment. The conference was held on a land strip in the desert at El Khana, Jordan, near Amman. (AP Wirephoto)

Viet Blast Kills Young BH Sailor

A rural Benton Harbor sailor was killed Sept. 3 in an explosion of mortar bags at his base, Tra Cu, Vietnam.

Garry L. Ruff, 21, died of fragmentation wounds after his detail was assigned to dispose of mortar bags by burning them, according to word received by the family here.

Ruff of route 3, Maple Lane, was a 1967 graduate of Benton Harbor high school and enlisted in the Navy two years ago. He had served in Vietnam 11 months and held the rank of fireman.

He was a member of the Brown School Road Church of Christ and was employed by Parrish Restaurant Supply Co. before entering the Navy.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. William Klemm of Benton Harbor; his father, Orville Ruff of St. Joseph; a half brother, Jeffrey Klemm, at home; a half sister, Katherine Ruff of St. Joseph; and a stepbrother, William Klemm, Jr., of Benton Harbor. He was preceded in death by a sister.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete this morning at the Dey Brothers funeral home.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindendorf, Managing Editor

Realistic Controls Against Hijacking

Sunday's simultaneous hijacking of four airliners headed for New York City should become the bomb to blow the airlines, the governments and the traveling public out of its apathy.

What began as a new form of outdoor sport following World War II is at the nightmare stage. The first thefts occurred sporadically over the Balkan countries.

In the early '50s several planes were hijacked over the Cuban air space before Fidel Castro came to power. Since his arrival, detouring flights between the U.S. and the Latin American countries to Cuba has become an accepted booking hazard. Although Castro has speeded each detoured craft and its occupants safely out of the country and recently has begun to roll up the welcome against some of the pirates, this state of inconvenience turning into a menace remains.

More recently the piracy has erupted over the European skyways.

Arab extremists, unable as yet to meet Israel frontally, have adopted sabotage and kidnapping as the next best weapon in this war of nerves.

Sunday's wholesale outrage is a peak to date.

One plane landed in Egypt was blown up and burnt on the ground.

Two others, at this writing, are in Jordan, wired for explosion of them and their male passengers unless a long list of terrorists are freed by Switzerland, West Germany and other Free World countries.

Many Hands Reaching For U.S. Highway Fund

Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe's decision to throw \$5-billion worth of federal muscle behind efforts to improve public transportation is only the opening push in what promises to be a long and bitter battle over transportation policy.

It is already drawing anguished protests from auto-oriented quarters which have jumped to the undoubtedly logical conclusion that under challenge is the sanctity of the Federal Highway Trust Fund, the treasure chest that has been financing the nation's massive superroad construction programs.

Specifically, Volpe has decreed that henceforth special provisions for public transport, such as exclusive lanes and exits, will in part determine allocation of federal trust funds, which can come to as much as 90 per cent of the total, to urban construction projects in order to "encourage the greatest use of buses in preference to individual automobiles" by the nation's commuting hordes.

Although only bus facilities are mentioned and the decision ostensibly is intended in part to head off pressure in Congress and elsewhere to tap the trust fund for non-highway purposes, such as new rail transit systems, the latter is exactly what fund defenders fear is coming.

The Federal Highway Trust Fund was established by Congress in 1956 to finance the Interstate program, now more than 70 per cent complete. Fed largely by the four-cent federal gasoline levy, plus other motorists' taxes, it has been a cornucopia through years of tight budgets in other nondefense spending areas. Something like \$50 billion has flowed through the fund to the contractors and the balance now stands at \$5 billion, with income comfortably exceeding expenditures.

Since all of this comes exclusively from motorists, the highway lobby, "the Road Gang" to its Capitol Hill intimates, fiercely opposes tapping the fund for any other purpose than the creation and care of roads for motorists.

Critics, however, contend that the fund's exclusivity has encouraged an overemphasis on highways that has crippled urban transportation. Public transit deteriorates and disappears while highways proliferate, and the spending imbalance is such that something like 20 times more public money is pumped into roads than into mass transit.

Some planners, or dreamers, would correct this by replacing the highway trust with a general transportation fund committed to financing a balanced national system of roads, mass transit, railroads and air facilities.

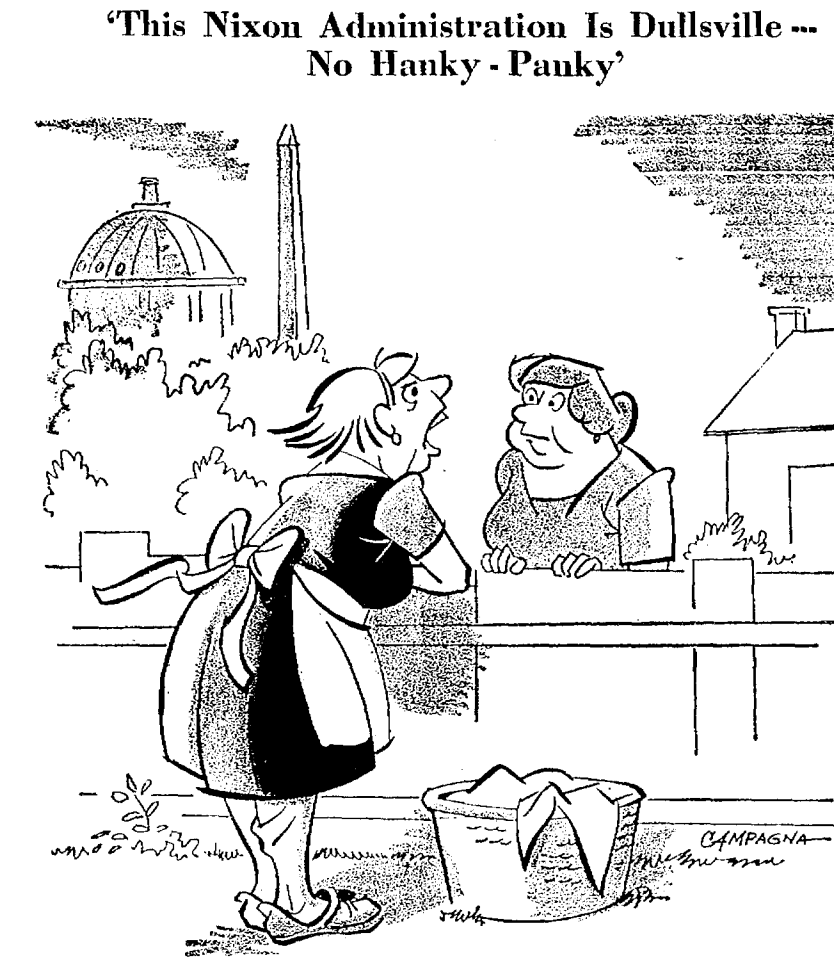
The "road gang," naturally enough, does not buy that and has a lot on its side — the current law and, theoretically, millions of American motorists.

The transit forces also have some big guns, notably Sen. Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee. Randolph, keeper of the congressional pork barrel, has let it be known he is open to changes directed toward balancing transportation spending. He has himself proposed using some trust funds to aid bus systems in larger cities.

There is also increasing sentiment in the states, as disclosed at the National Governors' Conference, for a change in spending emphasis.

Much more is going to be heard on the issue. The \$5 billion at stake assures that.

In the early 19th century, some scoundrels made their living shanghaiing sailors for Nantucket whaling ships, for a fee. Thrifty captains charged the fee to the sailor, so the luckless seaman paid for the privilege of being pressed into a voyage that might take him away from home for three years.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

POLL INDICATES LOCAL SUPPORT

—1 Year Ago—

Adult residents of St. Joseph school district generally give the school program and the board of education passing grades and better, according to results announced today from an "opinionnaire" circulated last May.

They also indicated a majority willingness to pay more taxes, if needed, to continue, and even to improve, the existing level of the school program. They did, however, feel that if more revenue is needed it should come from added income or sales tax rather than from higher property levies.

SWAINSON MAKES OFFICIAL DEBUT

—10 Years Ago—

Lt. Gov. John B. Swainson made his official debut as the Democratic gubernatorial candidate. It was a punch and pop talk session at his hometown of Plymouth.

About 350 attended. Swainson shared the political limelight with Gov. Williams, Sen. Philip A. Hart and Neil Staehle, chairman of the Democratic State Central committee.

ST. JOE MUNICIPAL BAND WINS TROPHY

—30 Years Ago—

St. Joseph's Municipal band and its director, Franklyn Wiltse, are the proud possessors of a handsome 30-inch trophy, won yesterday in a marching contest at Riverview park, Chicago.

RETURN HOME

—50 Years Ago—

Mrs. George Everett and children have returned from a three weeks' visit with relatives in Detroit and Rochester, N.Y.

REPAIR LINE

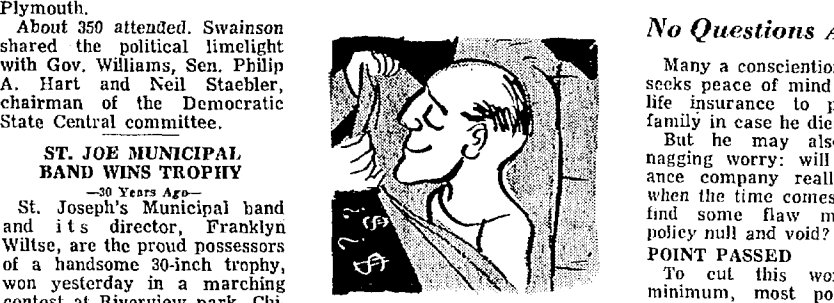
—50 Years Ago—

Manager Collins went out on the state telephone line this morning to repair the damage done by the storm Tuesday night.

FACTOGRAPH

Louis XVI was the king of France at the outbreak of the French Revolution.

THE FAMILY LAWYER



RUTH RAMSEY Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1 — What was Godey's Lady's Book?

2 — Who wrote "God's Little Acre"?

3 — Hannibal was a Carthaginian general. True or false?

4 — Who was Joel Chandler Harris?

5 — What is Harley Street in London known for?

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

MANDATE — (MAN-date) — noun — a commission given to one nation by an associated group of nations to administer the government and affairs of a people in a backward territory.

YOUR FUTURE

There is a threat of a whole series of minor annoyances ahead. Today's child will be active and ingenious.

IT'S BEEN SAID

The stronger always succeeds. — Plautus.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1850, California entered the Union.

BORN TODAY

No writer in any language has more admirably depicted psychological difficulties between men and women or the endless, agonizing tension of war than Count Leo Tolstoy.

His "Anna Karenina" and "War and Peace" are required reading in many schools and colleges. Tolstoy is required thinking by literate persons.

He was born in 1828 at Yasnaya Polyana, in the province of Tula, Russia, to a wealthy noble family. He had

an easy youth and studied at Karzan University. In 1851 he had his first experience of army life as a gentleman-volunteer on the staff of Prince Gortschakoff in Turkey. He later fought in the Crimean War and took an active part in the storming of Sevastopol in 1855.

It was three sketches he wrote about Sevastopol, with their realistic reporting of war's horrors, that established him as a top-rank writer.

After the war Tolstoy resigned from the army and lived the life of a literary-social life of contemporary St. Petersburg. Then he traveled in Italy and Germany.

"Anna Karenina," the story of an unhappy marriage, was published in the years 1875 and 1876. Ten years earlier his magnificent account of the Napoleonic campaigns in Russia, "War and Peace," secured his fame as one of the great novelists of the world.

Tolstoy became more conscious of his responsibility to the overburdened peasantry of his country as he grew older. He restricted his dress, diet and manner of life to the level of the peasant.

In his later years he wrote little fiction, but turned his mind to essays on social, religious and philosophical subjects. He died of pneumonia in 1910.

Others born today include Frank Frisch, Alfred M. London, John Gorton and Cardinal Richelieu.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1 — An American magazine of the mid-19th century.

2 — Erskine Caldwell.

3 — True.

4 — American author famous for his Uncle Remus stories.

5 — Its many specialist physicians' and surgeons' offices.

DR. COLEMAN .. And Speaking Of Your Health

As the Pesticides Chairman for the Ecology Action for Rhode Island I will be grateful for a statement on the dangers of pesticides.

I am concerned about the lack of public education about this vital problem.

Mrs. S. G., Rhodes Island

Dear Mrs. G.: I am impressed by the proposed amendment to the Rhode Island constitution which suggests that "the people shall be secure in their rights to the use and enjoyment of the natural resources of the State with due regard for the preservation of their values."

This fundamental concept of your organization must be echoed all over the country if we are to leave some semblance of natural beauty as heirlooms to be cherished by our children and grandchildren.

We must not deprive them of their right to the natural beauty of our country.

Pesticides and insecticides, when first created, seemed to be the greatest gift to man. We have now learned that the indiscriminate destruction of plant and animal life by these harsh chemicals is a severe penalty for the advantages they seem to have.

Public health officials, ecologists, and agriculturists are some of the forces that are protecting us by placing stringent limits on the use of these chemicals. Under their jurisdiction, and with pressures by groups such as yours, we may yet find a decent balance between the advantages and disadvantages of these chemicals.

Can you tell me what type of disinfectant I can use to clean the wash basin, the toilet bowl and seat, and the shower stall in a new apartment we have just taken over?

I have never before lived in a house that had been occupied by someone else.

Mrs. T.H.H., North Carolina

Dear Mrs. H.: Your letter is almost identical with another letter that I received from Mr. A.T. in Rhode Island.

I want to assure both of you that the germs left in any area of a previously used house, are rarely, very rarely, carriers of disease.

From the point of view of cleanliness, a thorough scrubbing with soap and water and any one of the household disinfectants is all that is necessary.

For too many people live in constant fear that they will be infected or contaminated by such contacts. This serves only to reinforce anxiety, and minimize the potential joy of living.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Protect your outer ear and ear canal from hair sprays and dyes.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of this column, "Alcoholism — A Family Disease." It probes this grave problem and offers hopeful advice. For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER Contract Bridge

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

AK7
AK107
85
AKQ102

WEST

Q643
J83
AKJ107
85

EAST

Q9542
Q43
8763

SOUTH

AJ10985
6
962
J94

The bidding:

North East South West
1 Pass 1 Pass
2 Pass 2 Pass
4

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

It is sometimes difficult to know precisely how to apportion the blame when something goes wrong with the defense — and possibly some may regard this as a futile exercise anyhow. Nevertheless, an objective analysis of one's own errors does tend to prevent their repetition, and to that extent the practice of leveling fair and constructive criticism at partner has much to recommend it.

Consider this deal where West led the king of diamonds and switched to a singleton club. Declarer won with the ace and, in an effort to extract trumps as quickly as possible, led the

king of spades followed by a spade to the ace.

With East showing out on the second trump, declarer cashed the A-K of hearts, discarding a diamond, and continued with the seven of hearts from dummy. When East followed low, South made the excellent play of discarding his last diamond.

West won with the jack but was helpless. He had no way to put East on lead for a club return, and the outcome was that South made four spades on the button.

Actually, the defense muffed two opportunities to beat the contract. Had East played the queen of hearts when the seven was led from dummy, South would have gone down with proper defense thereafter — since he would have been unable to prevent the club ruff.

The defense could also have stopped the contract had West dropped his jack of hearts when the A-K were led from dummy. East could then have played his nine on the seven and South again would have found himself bucking a stone wall.

It is a moot point whether West was more at fault than East, but actually they were both guilty of contributory negligence. In any case, however, South must be awarded full credit for taking advantage of an opportunity to bring home the contract.

BENNET CERF Try And Stop Me

Pundit Bob Sylvester, scanning the Italian horizon, noted that J. Paul Getty, reputedly the world's richest man, was opening a health resort there. Obviously, comments Sylvester, it should be called The Spa Getty.

Bob also reports that a truck loaded with airconditioners was overturned on a mountain road — and you should have seen the Fedders flying.

Mike Nichols' controversial movie version of Joe Heller's wonderful anti-war novel "Catch 22" necessitated the reproduction of an entire World War II air base near Guaymas, Mexico, and the rebuilding into serviceable form of all the old B-25 bombers the Paramount people could dig up. Once the 20-odd crates were assembled, Nichols enjoyed telling hecklers, "Don't mess around with me, boys! I've got the sixth largest air force in the world."

The picture cost about twenty million dollars to complete — partly because, according to Nichols, "it's the kind of movie in which every time a character says 'Good morning, sir,' 25 planes take off."

That svelte stripper, Bluegrass Hornoot, had wasted three hundred dollars at the neighborhood grocery before her new husband discovered she had been trying to open eggs with a can opener.

At a seance, a medium told a bereaved widower, "I hear your departed wife knocking. 'No kidding,' nodded the widower. 'Who's she knocking now?'"

Factographs

The 19th century English artist Joseph Mallard Turner was famous for his painting of sunsets.

The tympanum is classified as a percussion instrument.

A caesura is a break or pause within a line of poetry.

Baltimore has been called "The City of Monuments."

John Adams was the first vice president of the United States.

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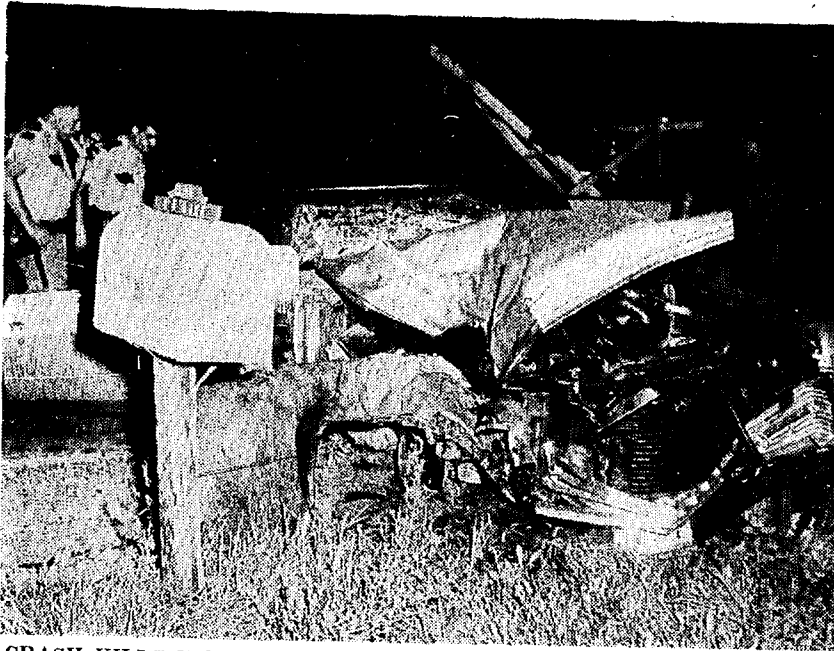
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TWO KILLED IN BENTON TOWNSHIP CRASHES



CRASH KILLS WOMAN: Benton township Patrolmen Harvey J. Belter, Jr. (left) and Roger Peters check interior of car in which Mrs. Robert (Suzanne) McCoy, 22, of 706 Wyndwicke drive, rural St. Joseph, was killed last night. The car struck a tree on Napier avenue, west of Benton Center road. (Staff photo)

Fighting Boost Lincoln Taxes Soar \$600,000

Lincoln township taxes are up nearly \$600,000 this year. Supervisor Harry Gast attributed half of the increase to a boost in state equalized valuation (SEV) which forms the tax base. The township is fighting the boost with an appeal to circuit court.

The other half represents increases in school taxes and millage for sewer and water systems, Gast said.

Total taxes spread in the township are \$1,953,534.31 — an increase of \$597,918. Tax bills will be mailed in December.

Gast said that despite the court appeal, the township was

required to certify the taxes by Sept. 1.

The township's state equalized valuation jumped nearly \$10 million to \$47,358,998. Gast said about \$4 million of the increase was due to growth and the remainder an arbitrary hike through equalization.

SCHOOL TAX RATES

Tax rates per thousand dollars of valuation were announced last night at the monthly meeting of the board of trustees meeting. The rates by school districts:

Lakeshore — \$41.46; St. Joseph — \$41.36; Bridgman — \$41.86.

The rates include all taxes — school, county, township, Lake Michigan college, sewer and water. The Lakeshore district comprises the majority of the township. Gast said the sewer and water levy will amount to 2.66 mills and new Lakeshore building debt 2.85 mills. An additional .55 mill was levied for Lake Michigan college.

Mrs. Bernice Threlway, clerk, told the board that the higher valuation based on 1970 rates means that a home in Lakeshore district with \$20,000 market value will pay \$115.37 more in taxes this year.

In other action before the board, Roger Montague of the Lakeshore Jaycees unveiled a tentative Jaycee project to raise funds to develop the township park and beach at Glenford.

Termed LAMP for Lincoln Area Municipal Park, the Jaycees, other service groups and interested citizens would campaign for funds to pave a road, build concessions and bathrooms and terrace the land at the beach.

PARK RESOLUTION

Board members passed a resolution encouraging the participation of the Jaycees and other service groups towards the LAMP Project for the benefit and use of the public.

In other business, the board:

- Received a letter signed by 26 residents on Marquette Woods road and Pucet road who protested the 40 mph speed limit on Marquette Woods. Gast



MRS. SUZANNE MCCOY

said the speed limit had recently been lowered from 65 mph to 40 mph on the road and couldn't be lowered any further according to information he received from the county road commission and state police department.

• Delayed action on Gov. William Milliken's proposed ordinance to control outdoor gatherings pending further legal review and changes pertinent to the township.

• Voted down a request from St. Joseph township to co-sign an application for a drainage district to cover Lincoln residents in Arcadia Park and Shady Lane Acres subdivisions and parts of St. Joseph township.

• Set a special meeting for board members and future trustee candidates to familiarize them with sewer and water projects in the township. The meeting is set for Sept. 22 at 8 p.m.

Arrest Is Sticky One

Berrien Sheriff's Deputy Randy Arnt, 23, arrested Nate Pratcher, 19, of 225 Bellview street, Benton Harbor, last night on a charge of petty larceny. The charge was for the theft of Arnt's wooden nightstick, which had been left in the squad car while Arnt was policing an accident.

Beach Close In Twin Cities

Supervised swimming beaches in the Twin Cities are officially closed for the season, according to A. A. Antonovich, Benton Harbor deputy city manager, and Robert Nagle, St. Joseph superintendent of parks.

Antonovich said lifeguards were on duty at Jean Klock park for the last time this season on Labor day. He said concession stands also are closed. Nagle issued a similar statement for Lions beach in St. Joseph.

Officials at Warren Dunes state park, Sawyer, said lifeguards ended their duties for the season on Labor day, but the concession stand will be

open as long as good weather prevails.

At Weko Beach, Bridgman, admission fees and lifeguard services are expected to continue on weekends, as long as weather permits, according to Mrs. Phyllis Weber, city clerk.

Mrs. Bernice Threlway, Lincoln township clerk, said beaches in the township remain open. No lifeguards were provided during the summer. She said the township hopes to provide lifeguards sometime in the future. The beaches are Glenford and Lincoln township beach on Lake Michigan and North lake beach at North lake.

Drivers Die In Separate Accidents

Berrien Highway Toll For 1970 Rises To 38

Two motorists were killed in separate accidents yesterday in Benton township. Both were alone when their vehicles ran off the paved portion of the road, Benton township police reported.

Dead were Mrs. Robert (Suzanne) McCoy, 22, of 706 Wyndwicke drive, and Leo Richard Luckner, Jr., 31, of 3250 Royalton Heights road, both of St. Joseph township. Both were dead on arrival at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital.

Lucker was killed shortly after 5 p.m. when his semi-truck turned over on the I-94 entrance ramp from East Main street, and Mrs. McCoy was killed when her car struck a tree on Napier avenue, west of Benton Center road, about 9 p.m.

LOAD SHIFTS

Township Patrolman Roger Peters said Lucker was entering the west bound lane of I-94 when one of three 9-ton coils of steel came loose on the trailer and shifted against the cab.

Lucker was pinned in the wreckage for 20 minutes before a wrecker arrived to pull him out, Rogers said. A medical examiner at the hospital, Dr. Richard Lininger, said Lucker died from a compressed chest injury.

Patrolman Harvey J. Belter, Jr., said Mrs. McCoy was tossed from the car when it struck a walnut tree about 9 p.m. yesterday. Medical examiner Dr. Charles E. Boonstra, said she died of a head injury and a fractured back and neck.

Belter said the speedometer, found near the car, was stopped at 75 miles per hour. Mrs. McCoy apparently was traveling west at a fast rate of speed when she hit a jog in the pavement, Belter said.

LEAVES ROAD

Mrs. McCoy's car went off the road on one side, crossed back over the pavement and struck the tree, Belter said. Belter found skid marks measuring 85 feet. Mrs. McCoy's body was lying on the ground 45 feet from the tree.

Mrs. Tom Holmes of M a g i e in Lake, said she and another driver were forced onto the shoulder of the road to avoid being struck by the McCoy car. Sensing an imminent accident, Mrs. Holmes turned around and drove back to the crash scene.

Belter said traffic was backed up west of the crash scene for one-fourth mile for more than an hour.

The two deaths bring the number of Berrien county traffic fatalities to 38, one less than the number who were killed during this same period of time in 1969.

SERVICES THURSDAY

Mrs. McCoy was born in St. Joseph, June 25, 1948.

Survivors include her husband, Robert, whom she married Aug. 11, 1965; a son, Robby; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yerke; and a brother, Greg, all of St. Joseph.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Riverside cemetery. The Rev. Ellis Marshburn, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Benton Harbor, will officiate.

Friends may call at the Dey Brothers funeral home.

LUCKER RITES

Mr. Luckner was born Aug. 19, 1939, in St. Joseph. In 1956, he was graduated from the St. Joseph Prep school at Bardonia, Ky. His tractor and trailer were on lease to the B & P Transfer company of South Bend.

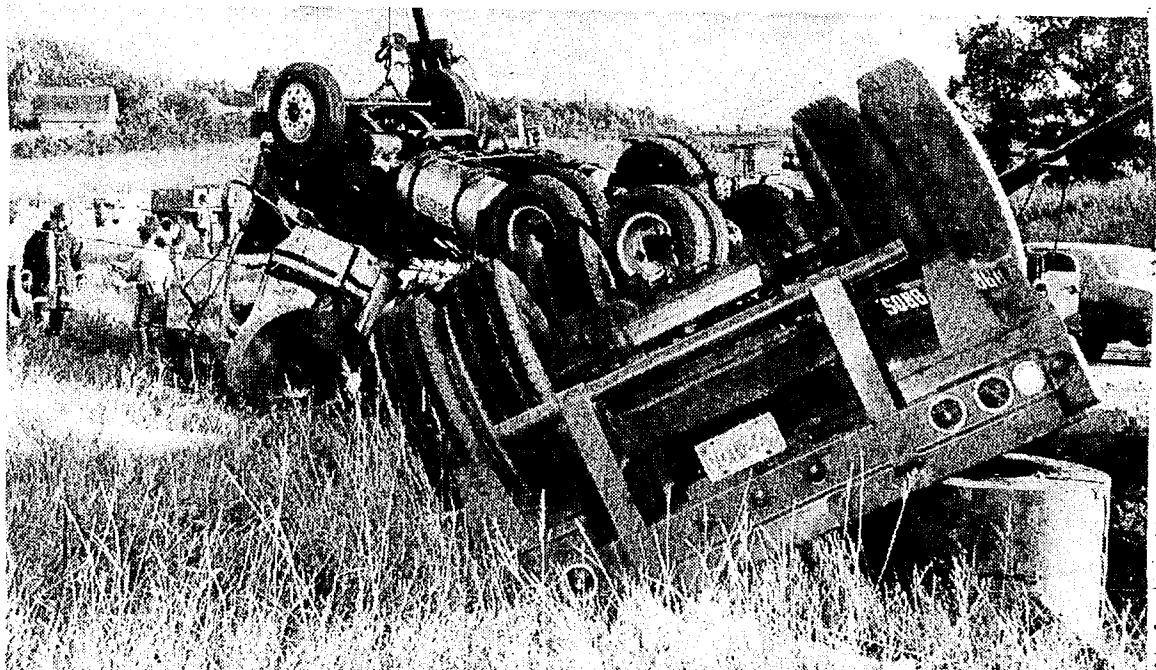
Survivors include his widow, the former Barbara Watts, whom he married July 12, 1958, in Benton Harbor; a son, Michael; two daughters, Lori and Suzanne; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Luckner, Sr.; a brother, Michael; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Luckner; and maternal grandfather, Frank Fellow, all of St. Joseph.

Mr. Luckner served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean



BODY REMOVED: Police and ambulance attendants carry body of Leo R. Luckner, Jr., after it was removed from overturned cab of semi-truck on

I-94 entrance ramp at East Main street, Benton township.



LOAD SHIFTED: Police said a coil of steel weighing nine tons came loose and shifted against cab of semi-truck causing it to overturn and kill driver. Truck carried three coils of steel, two of which are

seen in photo. Accident occurred Tuesday on I-94 entrance ramp, East Main street, Benton township. (Staff photos)



LEO R. LUCKNER, JR.

War and was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic church and the American Legion.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated.

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SJ Township Levies 2 Mill Utility Tax

St. Joseph township trustees last night levied the first tax to finance the new water and sewer system planned for the south St. Joseph suburban area.

The initial tax will be one mill for water and one mill for sewers. Trustees split 5-2 on the vote and the reasons for the split were as varied as the financing of the project.

3 MILLS AUTHORIZED

At the annual meeting last spring township electors approved a budget calling for two mills for water service development and one mill for the township's share of a sanitary

sewer trunk line. One mill in St. Joseph township amounts to about \$42,000.

At the meeting last night the board voted to trim the water tax to one mill. Trustee Robert DeVries argued that this would not be enough to carry the township's obligations. Clerk Andrew Schindman, Jr., took the other side and argued that until the township actually was faced with the bill for interest the tax ought to be deferred. The water bonds won't be sold until next month. Voting for the levy were Supervisor Orval Benson, trustees Carl Reschke,

Edwin Brink, John Manning, and Treasurer Einer Larsen.

Berrien county through its public works department sold the bonds and the individual units of the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment authority are obligated to pay off the debt. When the system is in operation revenues from the sale of water are expected to pay off the interest and principal. The taxes being levied now are to pay interest until enough customers hook up and the revenue reaches a figure high enough to pay the interest and principal charges.

Partners in the authority are St. Joseph and Lincoln township and Stevensville and Shoreham. The water will be purchased from St. Joseph for suburban areas west of the St. Joseph river and from Benton Harbor for Fairplain.

VOTE NOT NEEDED

While the tax in effect was approved at the annual meeting the township board has the authority to levy millage to pay off the bonds sold by the county without a vote by the people. In effect, the county handled the financing, pledging its resources to back the bonds but at the same time can require the individual units to pay off the indebtedness — either by a direct tax or from sale of services. In this case water. Township Attorney John Crow has explained on various occasions to the council.

Adults: Here's Chance To Earn That Diploma

The fall session of General Educational Development (GED) in the Benton Harbor school district will start Monday, Sept. 14, at Bard School. GED leads to the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Registration will be held to night and Thursday, 7-9 o'clock at Bard, 1212 East Main street. Students are asked to use the Highland avenue entrance.

William Murrain, community education coordinator in charge

of GED, said special courses have been developed for students who have started classes but not completed them and for those who did not pass all parts of the GED test. In the past non-completion of classes or failure on exams required taking the full 14 weeks over.

New students also are welcome to GED. Murrain said. There is no registration fee.

GED was moved this year from Lafayette to Bard when

Murrain was transferred there. He said Bard is more centrally located and should enable more persons to enroll.

Ken Reilly, a GED director, said a free baby-sitting service will be provided for youngsters out of diapers to enable parents to take the courses.

He noted that GED has provided the means for many people to go on the better jobs, college and advanced training.

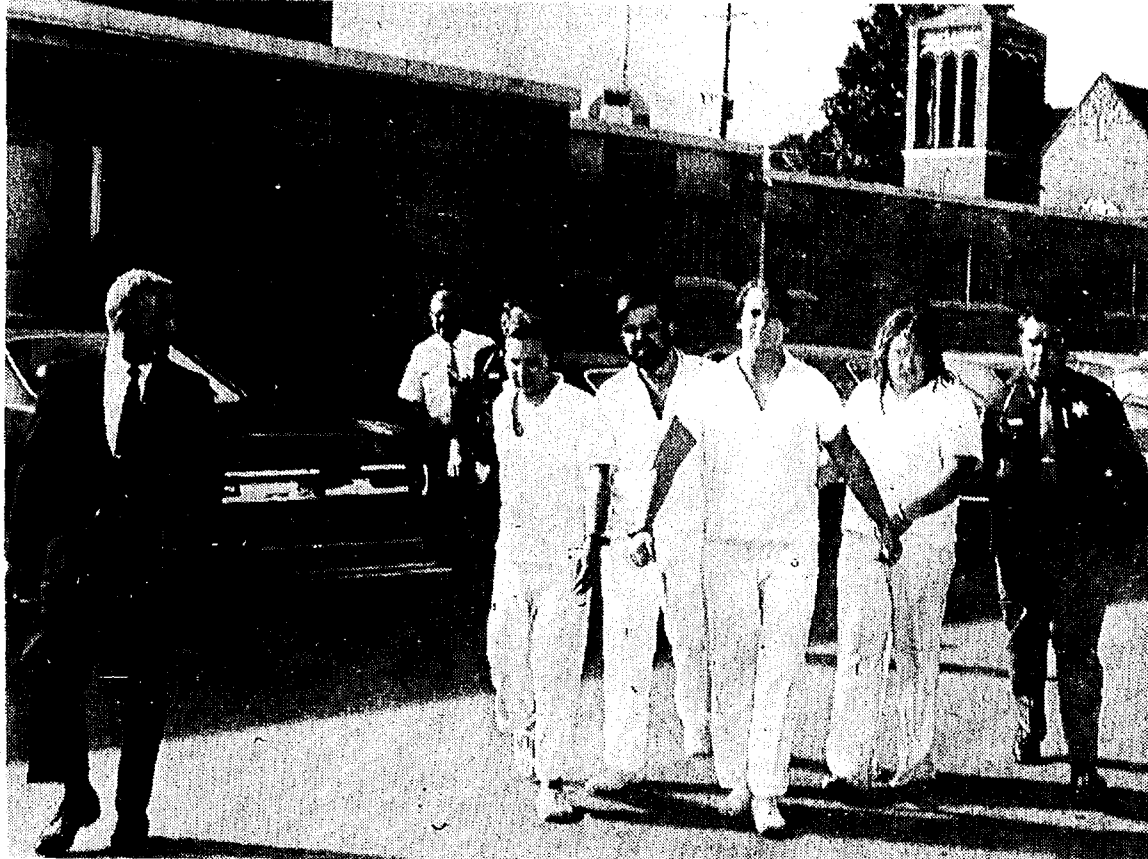
Classes will be held Monday through Thursday, 7-10 p.m.

Reunion Planned By BH Grads

Reservations are being accepted through Friday for the 1930 Benton Harbor high school class reunion that will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, at Ramada Inn (formerly Hilton) I-94 and M-139. Reservations can be made with Mrs. Verne Dean, 2965 Royalton Heights, St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1970

ALLEGAN TIGHTENS SECURITY AT COURT, JAIL



ENROUTE TO COURT: Four members of a motorcycle gang arrested near Saugatuck Sunday were taken into 57th District court in Allegan Tuesday under armed escort. Sheriff's deputies with shot-

guns were stationed on the roofs of the jail and courthouse and also on ground level. Sheriff Robert Whitcomb, left and Deputy Donald Morris are seen with the four. (Photos by Prosch-Jensen)

Cycle Gang Members Arraigned

Bomb Threats Are Received During Detention

ALLEGAN — Law enforcement officials here placed the county jail and courthouse under tight security Tuesday because of bombing threats received over detention of 25 members of a Detroit area motorcycle gang.

The 25 were arrested Sunday after a group of campers reported they were assaulted, threatened, beaten in some cases and harassed while camping near Saugatuck.

County sheriff Robert Whitcomb said the security measures at the jail were invoked after two bomb threats were received. He said he received one of the threats over the phone after the 24 had been returned to jail from the court.

The caller said the jail was to be bombed to free the 25 who are being detained there, Whitcomb said.

Tight security measures were also used in taking the prisoners to and from the jail and court because of the possibility of trouble earlier Tuesday, he said.

Measures at the jail included an around-the-clock surveillance by officers outside and a locked front door. The door is normally unlocked for citizens to enter the lobby of the jail to confer with officers. Visitation privileges were suspended.

GUNS ARE TRAINED

The 25 were taken to the court house about 75 feet away in groups of four. Officers with shotguns were visible on both the roof of the jail and courthouse. Other officers on ground level were also shotgun armed.

All but one were taken before 57th District court for arraignment on charges of conspiring to kidnap one of the campers. The 25th person arrested, a juvenile, was turned over to juvenile authorities for processing.

The 24 demanded preliminary hearings on the individual charges upon appearing before Judge Elizabeth Ramsey. Bond on the three women was continued at \$10,000 each.

Bond on the 21 adult males was boosted to \$25,000 each. A hearing date was set for Sept. 14.

Atty. Neil Fink, who represented John Norman Collins in the first degree murder trial stemming from the death of one of seven girls slain in the Ann Arbor area, was reported representing the 24. Collins was convicted of the first degree murder by a jury on Aug. 18.

An estimated 60 persons converged on the court for the proceedings. They were identified as relatives, friends and other members of the gang, known as the Dictators.

Proceedings inside the court were described as generally calm during the arraignments except for sporadic verbal outbursts from members of the audience.

One youth, identified as a brother of one of the 25, was ejected from the courtroom by officers. He complained later that his arm had been twisted, an observer said.

Allegan officers and officers from four cities took the 25 into custody Sunday after members of the camping party called for help.

The campers, seven men and two women, said the gang had demanded the women be surrendered to them. The motorcycleists were camping near by, officers said.

One of the seven was held by different members of the motorcycleists for over three hours. Officers said he was beaten and threatened before being released. He was treated at a hospital after officers arrived but was released.

Allegan officials declined to

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IN JUDGE'S HONOR: A picture of the late Judge Chester Ray, of the Allegan county circuit court was presented to the court Tuesday in memorial services. Judge Wendell Miles, left, Mrs. Constance Ray, widow of Judge Ray, and their son Chester Ray Jr. were present for the presentation. (Photo by Prosch-Jensen)

Memorial Services Honor Allegan Jurist

ALLEGAN — The late circuit court judge Chester A. Ray was honored Tuesday in a memorial service at the courthouse here.

A picture of the 57-year-old jurist, who died April 12, 1970, was presented for display in the courtroom where he had served. He served as judge in the circuit covering Allegan and Ottawa counties from 1966

until his death.

Judge Ray was county prosecutor from 1946-48 and again from 1957-60 and was active in civic and government affairs throughout his adult life. He was a World War Two Navy veteran.

His widow, Constance, and their son Chester (Chip) Ray Jr. were present for the services.

The services were directed by Judge Wendell Miles and Raymond Smith. Leo Hoffman, dean of the Allegan county bar, gave the eulogy.

Other speakers included Appeals court judge Robert Burns, state Supreme court judge John Dethmer and District court judge Elizabeth Ramsey, president of the county bar association.

State Extends Sewer Deadline

New Buffalo Twp. Okays Hiring Of Engineer

NEW BUFFALO — The Michigan Water Resources commission has granted New Buffalo township a 90-day extension in getting a sewage treatment plant project underway.

In a letter read by the township board Tuesday night, the commission said the township now has until Oct. 1 to submit detailed construction plans for the plant. The original deadline had been July 1.

The commission letter also said the township must award a contract for the work by Dec. 31 and that the project is to be complete by Dec. 31, 1971.

The township board has already agreed to a joint sewage disposal system with Chikaming and the city of New Buffalo.

The board in connection with the project, approved a contract with the Clyde E. Williams company of South Bend, Ind., for engineering services.

The contract is subject to approval of the other two municipalities involved.

In other business, it was reported that the township planning commission has approved the use of a building formerly used as a bowling alley at Union Pier for use by a cabinet making firm.

The company will be known as the Superior Cabinet Co., Inc., and will be operated by Rupert Gustafson of Michigan City, Ind., and Robert Cochran of Niles. It will employ between 15 and 20 persons.

FESTIVAL MEASURE

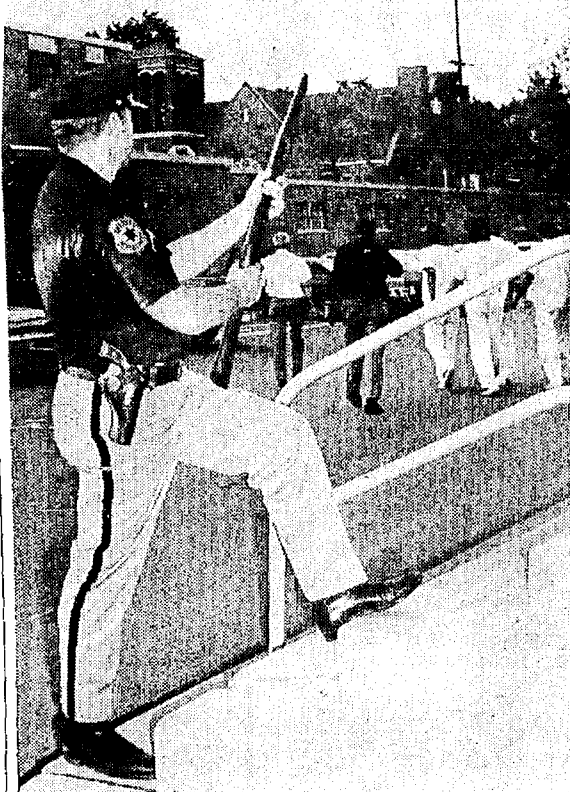
The board tabled action on a measure prohibiting rock festivals. The board felt that the proposal, sought by Gov. William Milliken, needed revision to apply to the local area.

The board approved a measure asking county agencies to notify the township before taking any action affecting it and ordered the county board of commissioners and county clerk Forrest (Hank) Kesterke be notified of the move.

Supervisor Raymond Valvoda said that the township boards are "always the last to find out" when an action involving them has been decided upon.

The board also went on record as being opposed to creation of a three or four-man police force for the township now. Valvoda said, "The township needs a police force like it needs a disease."

He said the suggestion for a police force was made last month by a township resident,



STANDS GUARD: Allegan county sheriff's Deputy William Powers stands guard at door of county courthouse Tuesday as four persons arrested in a roundup of motorcycle club members are returned to county jail. The guard was part of tighter security measures triggered because of possibility of trouble.

who volunteered to bring the necessary signatures on a petition to the board for a referendum vote in November.

However, the petition never materialized, and the deadline for submitting one in time to be on the November ballot is past, Valvoda said.

COST OF FORCE

He said the township cannot afford an extra \$40,000 a year for a police force.

Valvoda said the township would have its own constable spend more time policing the area if an additional \$1,500 could be appropriated for this purpose to bring his salary to \$7,000 per year.

Valvoda announced that any resident who has a complaint must file it with the clerk at least three days prior to the next regular township meeting,

or he will not be recognized.

The board approved a recommendation by Norman Lubke, fire chief, to hire Ronald and Vernon Schroeder, Gene Lidke, and Ronald Daniels, as volunteer firemen.

It was announced that the planning commission approved the mobile home court ordinance. There will be a public hearing on the ordinance at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in the township hall.

BANK MERGER APPROVED

LANSING (AP)—The merger of two central Michigan banks, National Bank of Eaton Rapids and American Bank and Trust Co. of Lansing, has been approved by Robert P. Briggs, Michigan commissioner of financial institutions. The merger now is subject to approval of the Federal Reserve Board,

Van Buren Commissioners Ponder Ambulance Fate

By STEVE McQUOWN

Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — A committee which was to have rescued the endangered ambulance service in Van Buren county, returned to the garage Tuesday after a six-month study, but apparently left the patient out in the boondocks.

It was the recommendation of

the committee that the county-operated ambulance service be made the responsibility of "various districts," according to Richard Bus, South Haven, chairman of the study committee.

Bus made his report on the controversial issue at the monthly meeting here of the commissioners.

Commissioners tabled the recommendation for further study after discussing what they described as their "moral obligation" to continue the service as opposed to the increasing costs of operating the service through the sheriff's department.

Bus said his committee, composed of five township super-

visors and five county commissioners, recommended the change be made by Jan. 1, 1971.

He defined "various districts" as the same districts which county commissioners represent, or volunteer fire districts.

The county volunteer firemen's association has already rejected a previous feeling by the committee to assume the

ambulance service.

Sheriff Richard Stump and his deputies have operated the service for about four years.

But Stump made it apparent Tuesday to commissioners that he wants to be rid of the responsibilities, administrative headaches and periodic complaints about costs that accompany the service.

He said that in 1971 he wants

a five-day work week for his men and if the ambulance

service — with its added manpower demands — would jeopardize this he is prepared to call in a Fraternal Order of Police negotiator for the fall budget hearings.

He also added that if the ambulance service is lifted

from his department, he might

be able to slice as much as \$80,000 from his budget.

The sheriff's departmental budget in 1970 is \$275,000. His 1971 request is thought to be considerably higher than the 1970 figure.

Regardless, commissioners seem no nearer a decision today

last year when they appointed a

committee to study the ambulance service.

They do not seem willing to lift the service from the sheriff's department until there is promise of substitute service. Said County Commissioners Donald Goodwillie, Sr. of South

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